

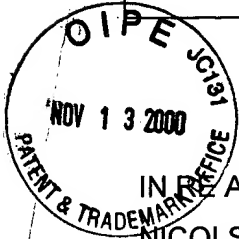
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IN RE APPLICATION OF
NICOLSON ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/640,526

FILED: AUGUST 17, 2000

FOR: EXTENDED WEAR OPHTHALMIC LENS

Attention: Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated November 1, 2000 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 1, 2001.

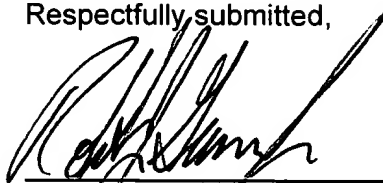
In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation. Applicants wish to call your attention to the fact that due the number of inventors and geographic separation of said inventors, there are various declarations, which applicant is submitting herewith. The combination of these declarations contains the signature of each and every inventor. If, however, a single declaration is deemed necessary, applicants will submit one upon request.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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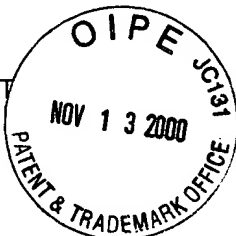


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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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